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86 COUNTIES ADOPT MASTER MATRIX TO OVERSEE LOCATIONS OF ANIMAL CONFINEMENTS

DES MOINES – The final count of 86 Iowa counties formally adopting a resolution to use the master matrix remains about the same for 2005 as it was in 2003 and 2004.

Counties use the master matrix to evaluate proposed locations of animal confinements that are required to apply for construction permits.

Allamakee County adopted the resolution for the first time in 2005.

The complete list of counties that have adopted a resolution follows:

Adair, Adams, Allamakee, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Mills, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Scott, Sioux, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth and Wright.

Counties can use the master matrix to evaluate the potential environmental and social impacts of confinement operations that need a construction permit before building, expanding or modifying the operation.

Before producers in participating counties can be approved for construction, they must earn points on the master matrix for choosing sites and using practices that reduce adverse impacts on the environment and the community.

A copy of the master matrix is available on the DNR Web site at www.iowadnr.com under animal feeding operations.

For participating counties, the resolution is in effect during the remainder of 2005 and during January of 2006, but the county must evaluate the master matrix for all confinements that are required to submit construction permits.

A map of the participating counties and more information can be found on the DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/matrix.html>.

For more information, contact Tammie Krausman at 515-281-8382.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR took the following enforcement actions between October 2004 and January 2005, unless otherwise noted. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty. The following are only briefs; please contact Jessie Rolph of the DNR for more information at (515) 281-5131.

- Blaine Schultz, of Postville, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fees, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to submit an MMP for a site in Clayton County.
- James Karthan, of Ankeny, was ordered to cease open burning and pay a \$1,000 penalty. The order is in regard to the open burning of tires, appliances, furniture and other solid waste at a site in Clarke County, which produced large volumes of black smoke and other air pollutants.
- James Brown, of Oto, and Brian Stickney, of Smithland, were ordered to stop open burning and to pay a \$3,500 penalty. The order is in regard to the open burning of tires on Brown's farm, located east of Oto. The order has been appealed.
- Rick Nikkel, of Sully, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fees, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to submit an MMP for a site in Jasper County.
- Rick Halma, of Doon, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to submit an MMP for a site in Lyon County.

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